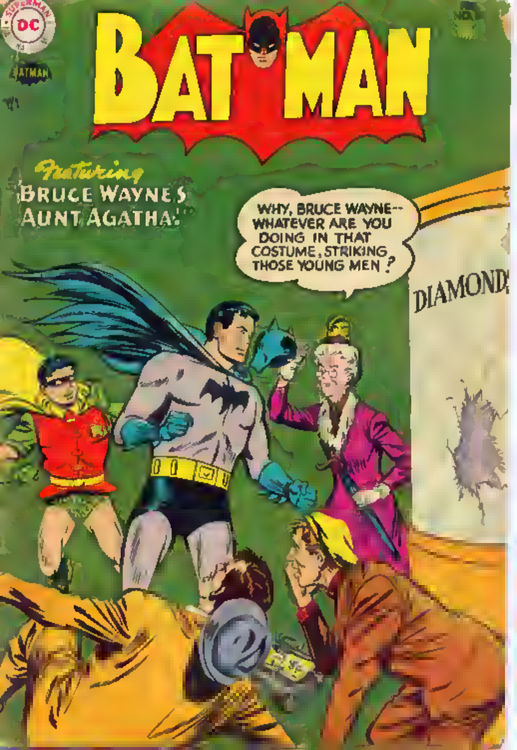
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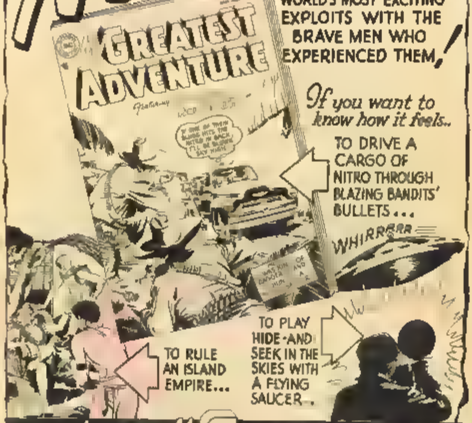

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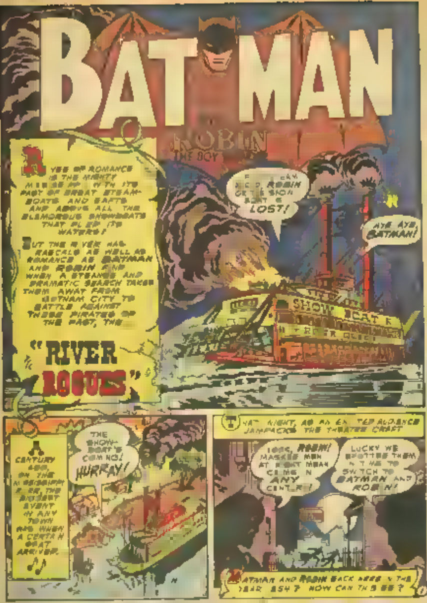
BATMAN
ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
AYES OF ROMANCE IS THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI, WITH ITS PAST OF GREAT STEAMBOATS AND RAFTS AND ABOVE ALL THE GLAMOROUS SHOWBOATS THAT PLIED ITS WATERS!
BUT THE RIVER HAS RASCALS AS WELL AS ROMANCE AS BATMAN AND ROBIN FIND WHEN A STRANGE AND DRAMATIC SEARCH TAKES THEM AWAY FROM GOTHAM CITY TO BATTLE AGAINST THESE PIRATES OF THE PAST, THE
"RIVER ROGUES"
FULL STEAM AHEAD, ROBIN, OR THE SHOW BOAT IS LOST!
AYE AYE, BATMAN!
SHOW BOAT
RIVER QUEEN
A CENTURY AGO, ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, THE BIGGEST EVENT IN ANY TOWN WAS WHEN A CERTAIN BOAT ARRIVED.
THE SHOW-BOAT'S COMING! HURRAY!
THAT NIGHT, AS AN EXCITED AUDIENCE JAMPACKS THE THEATER CRAFT
LOOK, ROBIN! MASKED MEN AT NIGHT MEAN CRIME IN ANY CENTURY!
LUCKY WE SPOTTED THEM IN TIME TO SWITCH TO BATMAN AND ROBIN!
BATMAN AND ROBIN BACK HERE IN THE YEAR 1854? HOW CAN THIS BE?
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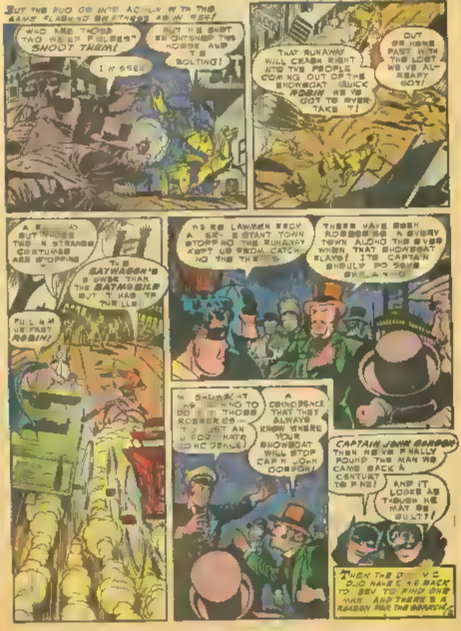
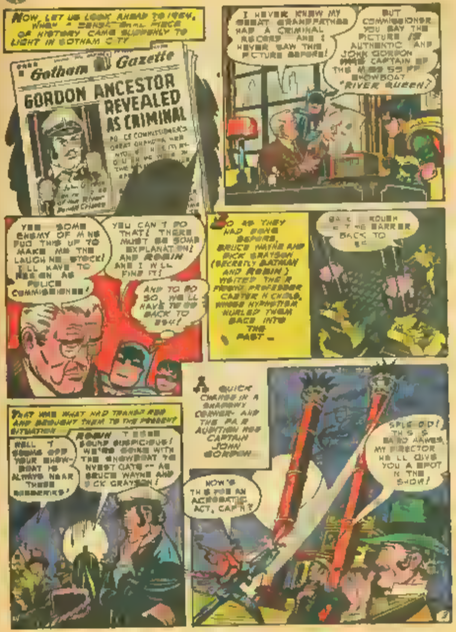

BUT THE DUO GO INTO ACTION WITH THE SAME FLASHING SWIFTNESS AS IN [illegible]!
WHO ARE THOSE TWO WEIRD FOLKS? SHOOT THEM!
I MISSED!
BUT HIS SHOT FRIGHTENED THE HORSE AND IT'S BOLTING!
THAT RUNAWAY WILL CRASH RIGHT INTO THE PEOPLE COMING OUT OF THE SHOWBOAT! QUICK, ROBIN, WE'VE GOT TO OVERTAKE IT!
OUT OF HERE FAST WITH THE LOOT WE'VE ALREADY GOT!
A [illegible] OUT THOSE TWO IN STRANGE COSTUMES ARE STOPPING IT!
THIS BATWAGON'S SLOWER THAN THE BATMOBILE, BUT IT HAS TO [illegible]
PULL HIM UP FAST, ROBIN!
WE'RE LAWMEN FROM A DISTANT TOWN! STOPPING THE RUNAWAY KEPT US FROM CATCHING THE THIEVES!
THERE HAVE BEEN ROBBERIES IN EVERY TOWN ALONG THE RIVER WHEN THAT SHOWBOAT PLAYS! ITS CAPTAIN SHOULD DO SOME EXPLAINING!
I'M SHOCKED AT [illegible] NOTHING TO DO WITH THOSE ROBBERIES— IT'S JUST AN UNFORTUNATE COINCIDENCE!
A COINCIDENCE THAT THEY ALWAYS KNOW WHERE YOUR SHOWBOAT WILL STOP, CAPTAIN JOHN GORDON!
CAPTAIN JOHN GORDON! THEN WE'VE FINALLY FOUND THE MAN WE CAME BACK A CENTURY TO FIND!
AND IT LOOKS AS THOUGH HE MAY BE GUILTY!
THEN THE DYNAMIC DUO HAVE COME BACK TO [illegible] TO FIND ONE MAN, AND THERE IS A REASON FOR THE SEARCH!


NOW, LET US LOOK AHEAD TO 1954, WHEN A SENSATIONAL PIECE OF HISTORY CAME SUDDENLY TO LIGHT IN GOTHAM CITY
Gotham Gazette
GORDON ANCESTOR REVEALED AS CRIMINAL
POLICE COMMISSIONER'S GREAT GRANDFATHER
I NEVER KNEW MY GREAT GRANDFATHER HAD A CRIMINAL RECORD AND I NEVER SAW THIS PICTURE BEFORE!
BUT COMMISSIONER, YOU SAY THE PICTURE IS AUTHENTIC AND JOHN GORDON WAS CAPTAIN OF THE MISSISSIPPI SHOWBOAT "RIVER QUEEN?"
YES... SOME ENEMY OF MINE DUG THIS UP TO MAKE ME THE LAUGHING STOCK! I'LL HAVE TO RESIGN AS POLICE COMMISSIONER!
YOU CAN'T DO THAT! THERE MUST BE SOME EXPLANATION! AND ROBIN AND I WILL FIND IT!
AND TO DO SO, WE'LL HAVE TO GO BACK TO 1854!
SO AS THEY HAD DONE BEFORE, BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON (SECRETLY BATMAN AND ROBIN) VISITED THEIR FRIEND PROFESSOR CARTER NICHOLS, WHOSE HYPNOTISM HURLED THEM BACK INTO THE PAST —
BACK THROUGH THE BARRIER BACK TO 18—
THAT WAS WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED AND BROUGHT THEM TO THE PRESENT SITUATION
WELL, IT SEEMS ODD YOUR SHOWBOAT IS ALWAYS NEAR THESE ROBBERIES!
ROBIN, THESE SOUND SUSPICIOUS! WE'RE GOING WITH THE SHOWBOAT TO INVESTIGATE -- AS BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON!
A QUICK CHANGE IN A SHADOWY CORNER- AND THE PAIR AUDITION FOR CAPTAIN JOHN GORDON.
HOW'S THIS FOR AN ACROBATIC ACT, CAP'N?
SPLENDID! THIS IS BARD HAWES, MY DIRECTOR. HE'LL GIVE YOU A SPOT IN THE SHOW!
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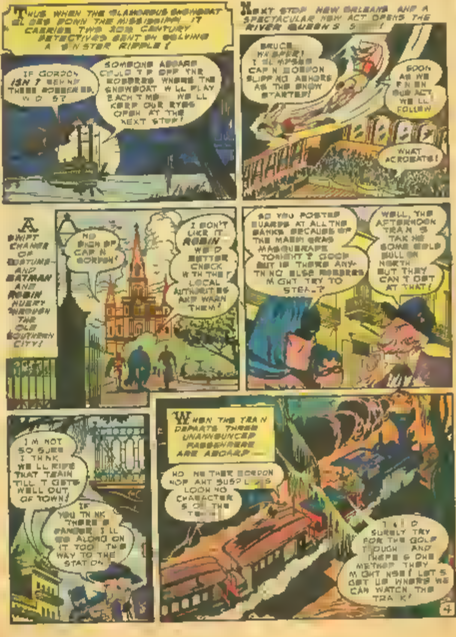
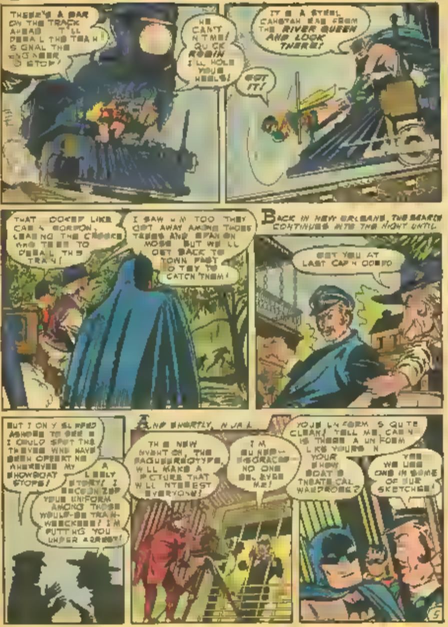
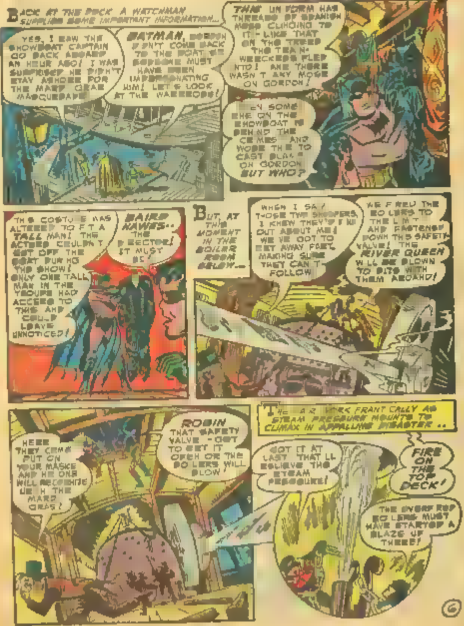
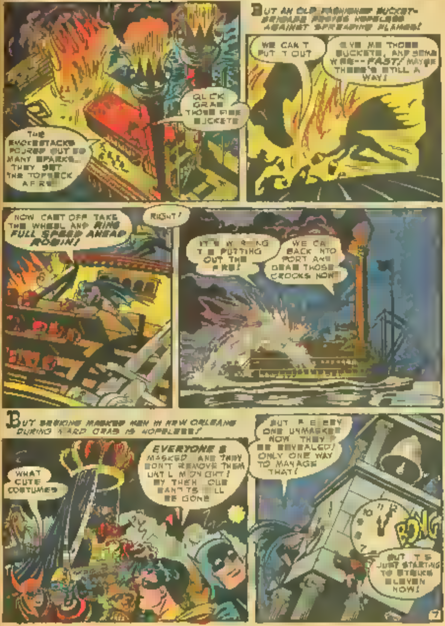
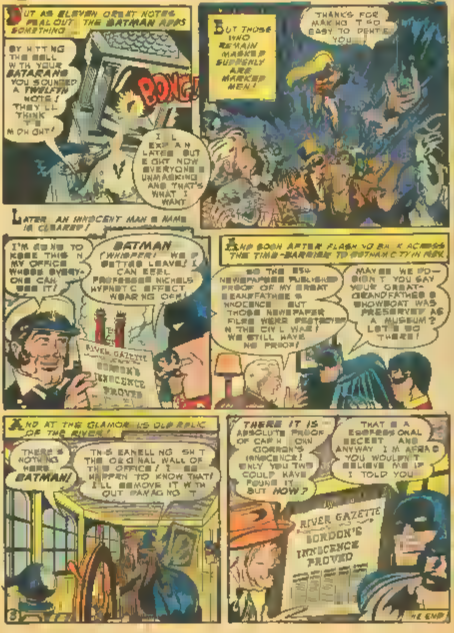

THUS WHEN THE GLAMOROUS SHOWBOAT GLIDES DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI, IT CARRIES TWO 20TH CENTURY DETECTIVES BENT ON SOLVING A SINISTER RIDDLE!
IF GORDON ISN'T BEHIND THESE ROBBERIES, WHO IS?
SOMEONE ABOARD COULD TIP OFF THE ROBBERS WHERE THE SHOWBOAT WILL PLAY EACH TIME... WE'LL KEEP OUR EYES OPEN AT THE NEXT STOP!
NEXT STOP, NEW ORLEANS, AND A SPECTACULAR NEW ACT OPENS THE RIVER QUEEN'S SHOW!
BRUCE, WHISPER! I GLIMPSED CAP'N GORDON SLIPPING ASHORE AS THE SHOW STARTED!
SOON AS WE FINISH OUR ACT, WE'LL FOLLOW!
WHAT ACROBATS!
A SWIFT CHANGE OF COSTUME—AND BATMAN AND ROBIN HURRY THROUGH THE OLD SOUTHERN CITY!
NO SIGN OF CAP'N GORDON!
I DON'T LIKE IT, ROBIN! WE'D BETTER CHECK WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND WARN THEM!
SO YOU POSTED GUARDS AT ALL THE BANKS BECAUSE OF THE MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE TONIGHT? GOOD! BUT IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE ROBBERS MIGHT TRY TO STEAL?
WELL, THE AFTERNOON TRAIN IS TAKING SOME GOLD BULLION NORTH, BUT THEY CAN'T GET AT THAT!
I'M NOT SO SURE! I THINK WE'LL RIDE THAT TRAIN TILL IT GETS WELL OUT OF TOWN!
IF YOU THINK THERE'S DANGER, I'LL GO ALONG ON IT TOO... THE WAY TO THE STATION!
WHEN THE TRAIN DEPARTS, THREE UNANNOUNCED PASSENGERS ARE ABOARD—
NO! NEITHER GORDON NOR ANY SUSPICIOUS LOOKING CHARACTERS ON THE TRAIN!
THEY'D SURELY TRY FOR THE GOLD, THOUGH, AND THERE'S ONE METHOD THEY MIGHT USE! LET'S GET UP WHERE WE CAN WATCH THE TRACK!


THERE'S A BAR ON THE TRACK AHEAD. IT'LL DERAIL THE TRAIN! SIGNAL THE ENGINEER TO STOP!
HE CAN'T IN TIME! QUICK, ROBIN, I'LL HOLD YOUR HEELS!
GOT IT!
IT IS A STEEL CAPSTAN BAR FROM THE RIVER QUEEN AND LOOK THERE!
THAT LOOKED LIKE CAP'N GORDON, LEADING THE CROOKS WHO TRIED TO DERAIL THE TRAIN!
I SAW HIM TOO. THEY GOT AWAY AMONG THOSE TREES AND SPANISH MOSS. BUT WE'LL GET BACK TO TOWN FAST TO TRY TO CATCH THEM!
BACK IN NEW ORLEANS, THE SEARCH CONTINUES INTO THE NIGHT UNTIL
GOT YOU AT LAST, CAP'N GORDON
BUT I ONLY SLIPPED ASHORE TO SEE IF I COULD SPOT THE THIEVES WHO HAVE BEEN OPERATING WHEREVER MY SHOWBOAT STOPS!
A LIKELY STORY! I RECOGNIZED YOUR UNIFORM AMONG THOSE WOULD-BE TRAIN-WRECKERS! I'M PUTTING YOU UNDER ARREST!
AND SHORTLY, IN JAIL
THIS NEW INVENTION, THE DAGUERREOTYPE, WILL MAKE A PICTURE THAT WILL INTEREST EVERYONE!
I'M RUINED--DISGRACED--NO ONE BELIEVES ME!
YOUR UNIFORM IS QUITE CLEAN! TELL ME, CAP'N, IS THERE A UNIFORM LIKE YOURS IN YOUR SHOW BOAT'S THEATRICAL WARDROBE?
YES, WE USE ONE IN SOME OF OUR SKETCHES!


BACK AT THE DOCK A WATCHMAN SUPPLIES SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION...
YES, I SAW THE SHOWBOAT CAPTAIN GO BACK ABOARD AN HOUR AGO! I WAS SURPRISED HE DIDN'T STAY ASHORE FOR THE MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE!
BATMAN, GORDON DIDN'T COME BACK TO THE BOAT SO SOMEONE MUST HAVE BEEN IMPERSONATING HIM! LET'S LOOK AT THE WARDROBE!
THIS UNIFORM HAS THREADS OF SPANISH MOSS CLINGING TO IT -- LIKE THAT ON THE TREES THE TRAIN-WRECKERS FLED INTO! AND THERE WASN'T ANY MOSS ON GORDON!
THEN SOMEONE ON THE SHOWBOAT IS BEHIND THE CRIMES AND WORE THIS TO CAST BLAME ON GORDON BUT WHO?
THIS COSTUME WAS ALTERED TO FIT A TALL MAN! THE ACTORS COULDN'T GET OFF THE BOAT DURING THE SHOW! ONLY ONE TALL MAN IN THE TROUPE HAD ACCESS TO THIS AND COULD LEAVE UNNOTICED!
BAIRD HAWES.. THE DIRECTOR! IT MUST BE!
BUT, AT THIS MOMENT IN THE BOILER ROOM BELOW...
WHEN I SAW THOSE TWO SNOOPERS, I KNEW THEY'D FIND OUT ABOUT ME! WE'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FAST, MAKING SURE THEY CAN'T FOLLOW
WE FIRED THE BOILERS TO THE LIMIT AND FASTENED DOWN THE SAFETY VALVE! THE RIVER QUEEN WILL BE BLOWN TO BITS WITH THEM ABOARD!
HERE THEY COME. PUT ON YOUR MASKS AND NO ONE WILL RECOGNIZE US IN THE MARDI GRAS!
ROBIN THAT SAFETY VALVE -- GOT TO GET IT OPEN OR THE BOILERS WILL BLOW!
THE PAIR WORK FRANTICALLY AS STEAM PRESSURE MOUNTS TO CLIMAX IN APPALLING DISASTER ..
GOT IT AT LAST! THAT'LL RELIEVE THE STEAM PRESSURE!
FIRE ON THE TOP DECK!
THE OVERHEATED BOILERS MUST HAVE STARTED A BLAZE UP THERE!


THE SMOKESTACKS POURED OUT SO MANY SPARKS, THEY SET THE TOPDECK AFIRE!
QUICK! GRAB THOSE FIRE BUCKETS!
BUT AN OLD-FASHIONED BUCKET-BRIGADE PROVES HOPELESS AGAINST SPREADING FLAMES!
WE CAN'T PUT IT OUT!
GIVE ME THOSE BUCKETS, AND SOME WIRE-- FAST! MAYBE THERE'S STILL A WAY!
NOW CAST OFF! TAKE THE WHEEL AND RING FULL SPEED AHEAD, ROBIN!
RIGHT!
IT'S WORKING! IT'S PUTTING OUT THE FIRE!
WE CAN BACK INTO PORT AND GRAB THOSE CROOKS NOW!
BUT SEEKING MASKED MEN IN NEW ORLEANS DURING MARDI GRAS IS HOPELESS!
WHAT CUTE COSTUMES!
EVERYONE'S MASKED, AND THEY DON'T REMOVE THEM UNTIL MIDNIGHT! BY THEN OUR BANDITS WILL BE GONE!
BUT IF EVERYONE UNMASKED NOW, THEY'D BE REVEALED! ONLY ONE WAY TO MANAGE THAT!
BONG
BUT IT'S JUST STARTING TO STRIKE ELEVEN NOW!


BUT AS ELEVEN GREAT NOTES PEAL OUT, THE BATMAN ADDS SOMETHING
BY HITTING THE BELL WITH YOUR BATARANG YOU SOUNDED A TWELFTH NOTE! THEY'LL THINK IT'S MIDNIGHT!
BONG!
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER, BUT RIGHT NOW EVERYONE'S UNMASKING AND THAT'S WHAT I WANT
BUT THOSE WHO REMAIN MASKED SUDDENLY ARE MARKED MEN!
THANKS FOR MAKING IT SO EASY TO IDENTIFY YOU!
LATER, AN INNOCENT MAN'S NAME IS CLEARED!
I'M GOING TO KEEP THIS IN MY OFFICE WHERE EVERYONE CAN SEE IT!
BATMAN (WHISPER): WE'D BETTER LEAVE! I CAN FEEL PROFESSOR NICHOLS' HYPNOTIC EFFECT WEARING OFF!
RIVER GAZETTE
GORDON'S INNOCENCE PROVED
AND SOON AFTER, FLASHING BACK ACROSS THE TIME-BARRIER TO GOTHAM CITY IN [illegible]
SO THE 1854 NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED PROOF OF MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S INNOCENCE, BUT THOSE NEWSPAPER FILES WERE DESTROYED IN THE CIVIL WAR! WE STILL HAVE NO PROOF!
MAYBE WE DO-- DIDN'T YOU SAY YOUR GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S SHOWBOAT WAS PRESERVED AS A MUSEUM? LET'S GO THERE!
AND AT THE GLAMOROUS OLD RELIC OF THE RIVER!
THERE'S NOTHING HERE, BATMAN!
THIS PANELLING ISN'T THE ORIGINAL WALL OF THIS OFFICE! I [illegible] HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT! I'LL REMOVE IT WITHOUT DAMAGING IT
THERE IT IS -- ABSOLUTE PROOF OF CAPTAIN GORDON'S INNOCENCE! ONLY YOU TWO COULD HAVE FOUND IT, BUT HOW?
THAT'S A PROFESSIONAL SECRET, AND ANYWAY, I'M AFRAID YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD YOU
RIVER GAZETTE
GORDON'S INNOCENCE PROVED
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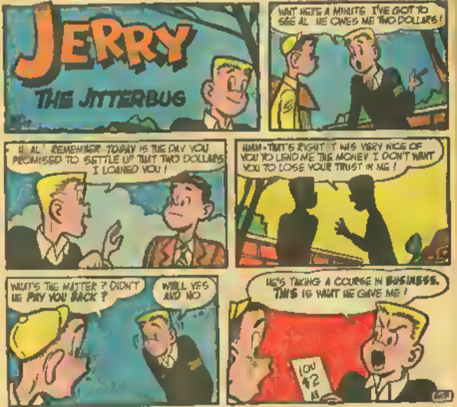
JERRY
THE JITTERBUG
WAIT HERE A MINUTE. I'VE GOT TO SEE AL. HE OWES ME TWO DOLLARS!
HI AL! REMEMBER TODAY IS THE DAY YOU PROMISED TO SETTLE UP THAT TWO DOLLARS I LOANED YOU!
HMM-THAT'S RIGHT. IT WAS VERY NICE OF YOU TO LEND ME THE MONEY. I DON'T WANT YOU TO LOSE YOUR TRUST IN ME!
WHAT'S THE MATTER? DIDN'T HE PAY YOU BACK?
WELL YES AND NO
HE'S TAKING A COURSE IN BUSINESS. THIS IS WHAT HE GAVE ME!
IOU $2 AL
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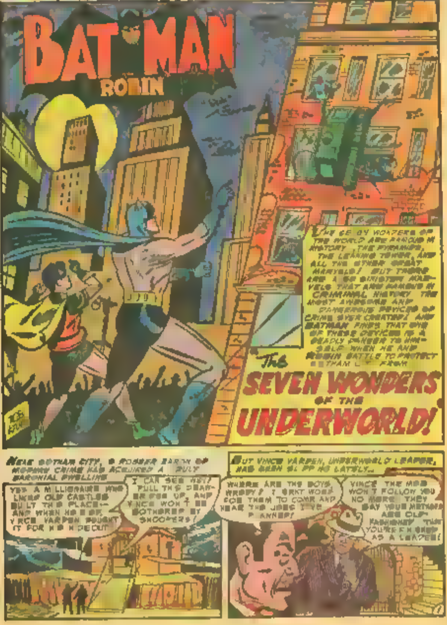
BATMAN AND ROBIN
THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD ARE FAMOUS IN HISTORY -- THE PYRAMIDS, THE LEANING TOWER, AND ALL THE OTHER GREAT MARVELS! BUT THERE ARE ALSO SINISTER MARVELS THAT ARE FAMOUS IN CRIMINAL HISTORY -- THE MOST AWESOME AND DANGEROUS DEVICES OF CRIME EVER CREATED! AND BATMAN FINDS THAT ONE OF THESE DEVICES IS A DEADLY DANGER TO HIMSELF WHEN HE AND ROBIN BATTLE TO PROTECT GOTHAM CITY FROM
THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE UNDERWORLD!
BOB KANE
NEAR GOTHAM CITY, A ROBBER BARON OF MODERN CRIME HAS ACQUIRED A TRULY BARONIAL DWELLING
YES, A MILLIONAIRE WHO LIKED OLD CASTLES BUILT THIS PLACE -- AND WHEN HE DIED, VINCE VARDEN BOUGHT IT FOR HIS HIDEOUT
I CAN SEE WHY! PULL THE DRAWBRIDGE UP, AND VINCE WON'T BE BOTHERED BY SNOOPERS!
BUT VINCE VARDEN, UNDERWORLD LEADER, HAS BEEN SLIPPING LATELY...
WHERE ARE THE BOYS, NEDDY? I SENT WORD FOR THEM TO COME AND HEAR THE JOBS I'VE PLANNED!
VINCE, THE MOB WON'T FOLLOW YOU NO MORE! THEY SAY YOUR METHODS ARE OLD-FASHIONED -- THAT YOU'RE FINISHED AS A LEADER!
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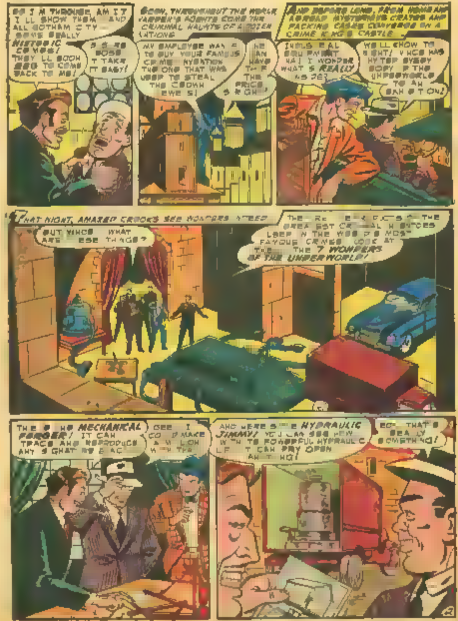
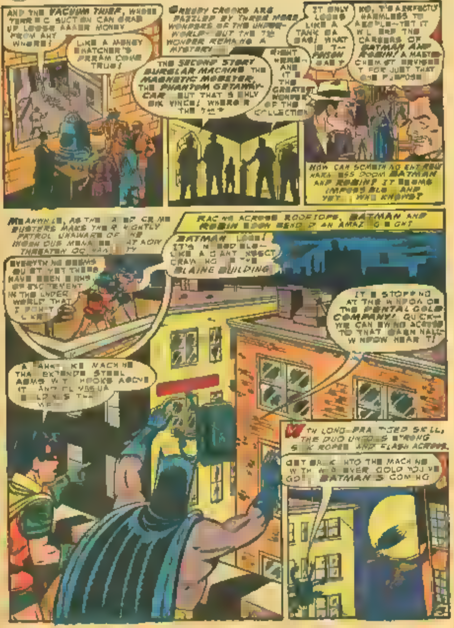
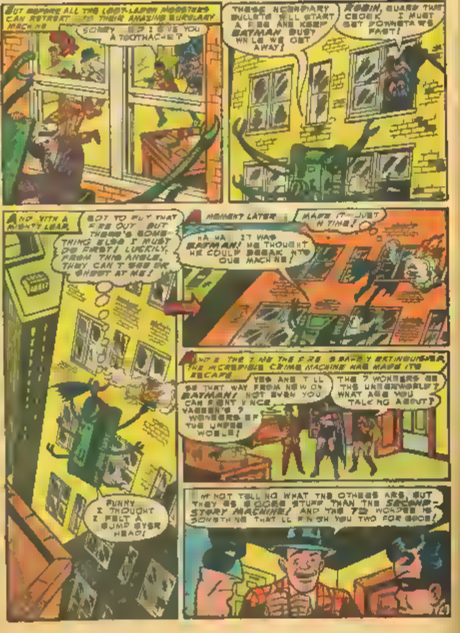
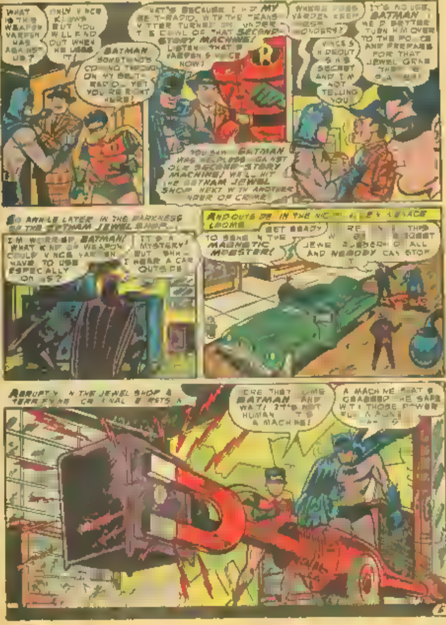
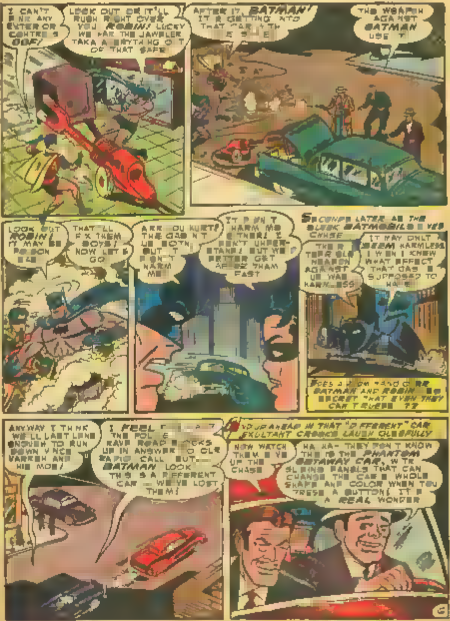
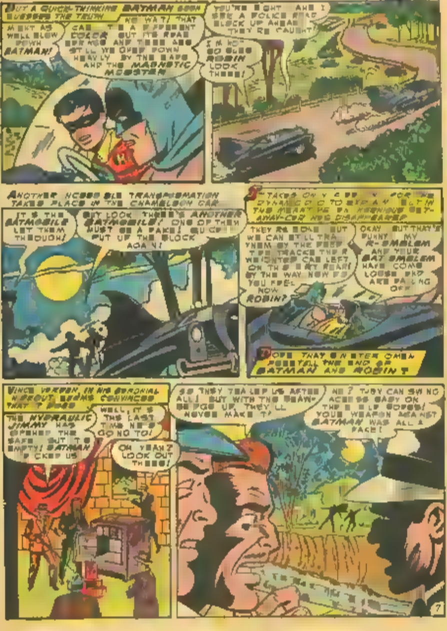

SO I'M THROUGH, AM I? I'LL SHOW THEM -- AND ALL GOTHAM CITY -- SOME REALLY HISTORIC CRIMES! THEY'LL SOON BEG TO COME BACK TO ME!
S-S-SO, BOSS... TAKE IT EASY!
SOON, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, KARPER'S AGENTS COMB THE CRIMINAL HAUNTS OF A DOZEN NATIONS
MY EMPLOYER WANTS TO BUY YOUR FAMOUS CRIME INVENTION -- THE ONE THAT WAS USED TO STEAL THE CROWN JEWELS!
HE CAN HAVE IT IF THE PRICE IS RIGHT!
AND BEFORE LONG, FROM HOME AND ABROAD, MYSTERIOUS CRATES AND PACKING CASES CONVERGE ON A CRIME KING'S CASTLE
THIS IS REAL EQUIPMENT! HA! I WONDER WHAT'S REALLY INSIDE?
WE'LL KNOW TONIGHT! THE BOSS HAS INVITED EVERYBODY OF THE UNDERWORLD TO AN EXHIBITION!
THAT NIGHT, AMAZED CROOKS SEE WONDERS INDEED
BUT WHOSE -- WHAT ARE THESE THINGS?
THESE ARE THE EXHIBITS OF THE GREATEST CRIMINAL INVENTIONS USED IN THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS CRIMES! LOOK AT THEM -- THE 7 WONDERS OF THE UNDERWORLD!
THERE'S THE MECHANICAL FORGER! IT CAN TRACE AND REPRODUCE ANY SIGNATURE EXACTLY
GEE, I COULD MAKE A MILLION WITH THAT!
AND HERE'S THE HYDRAULIC JIMMY! YOU CAN SEE HOW, WITH ITS POWERFUL HYDRAULIC LIFT, IT CAN PRY OPEN ANYTHING!
BOY, THAT'S REALLY SOMETHING!

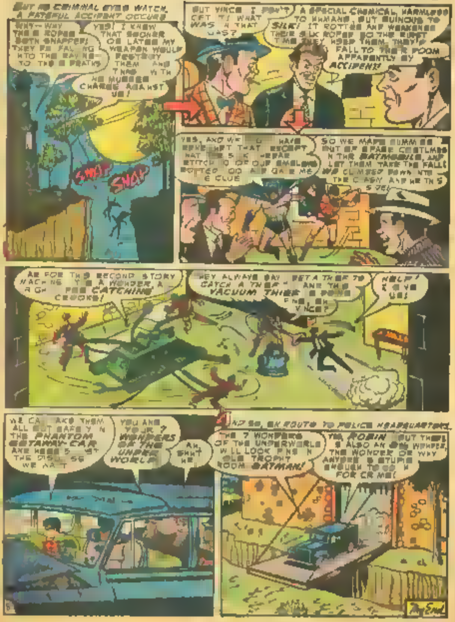

AND THE VACUUM THIEF, WHOSE TERRIFIC SUCTION CAN GRAB UP LOOSE PAPER MONEY FROM ANYWHERE!
LIKE A MONEY SNATCHER'S DREAM COME TRUE!
GREEDY CROOKS ARE DAZZLED BY THESE MORE WONDERS OF THE UNDERWORLD-- BUT THE 7th WONDER REMAINS A MYSTERY...
THE SECOND STORY BURGLAR MACHINE, THE MAGNETIC MOBSTER, THE PHANTOM GETAWAY-CAR-- BUT THAT'S ONLY SIX WONDERS! WHERE'S THE 7th?
RIGHT HERE-- AND IT'S THE GREATEST WONDER OF THE COLLECTION!
IT ONLY LOOKS LIKE A TANK OF GAS! WHAT IS IT-- POISON GAS?
NO, IT'S PERFECTLY HARMLESS TO PEOPLE-- YET IT WILL END THE CAREERS OF BATMAN AND ROBIN! A MASTER CHEMIST DEVISED IT FOR JUST THAT ONE PURPOSE!
HOW CAN SOMETHING ENTIRELY HARMLESS DOOM BATMAN AND ROBIN? IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE... AND YET... WHO KNOWS?
MEANWHILE, AS THE PAIR OF CRIME BUSTERS MAKE THEIR NIGHTLY PATROL UNAWARE OF THE OMINOUS MENACE THAT NOW THREATENS GOTHAM CITY...
EVERYTHING SEEMS QUIET, YET THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS OF EXCITEMENT IN THE UNDERWORLD THAT I DON'T LIKE!
RACING ACROSS ROOFTOPS, BATMAN AND ROBIN SOON BEHOLD AN AMAZING SIGHT
BATMAN, LOOK! IT'S AN ODDBALL-- LIKE A GIANT INSECT CRAWLING UP THE BLAINE BUILDING!
A CRANE-LIKE MACHINE THAT EXTENDS STEEL ARMS WITH HOOKS ABOVE IT AND CLIMBS UP BUILDINGS THAT WAY!
IT'S STOPPING AT THE WINDOW OF THE DENTAL GOLD COMPANY! QUICK-- WE CAN SWING ACROSS TO THAT OPEN HALL WINDOW NEAR IT!
WITH LONG-PRACTICED SKILL, THE DUO UNCOILS STRONG SILK ROPES AND FLASH ACROSS.
GET BACK INTO THE MACHINE WITH WHATEVER GOLD YOU'VE GOT! BATMAN'S COMING!

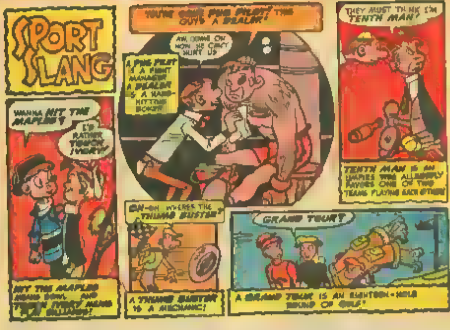

BUT BEFORE ALL THE LOOT-LADEN MOBSTERS CAN RETREAT INTO THEIR AMAZING BURGLARY MACHINE
SORRY -- DID I GIVE YOU A TOOTHACHE?
THESE INCENDIARY BULLETS WILL START A FIRE AND KEEP BATMAN BUSY WHILE WE GET AWAY!
ROBIN, GUARD THE CROOK! I MUST GET DOWNSTAIRS FAST!
AND WITH A MIGHTY LEAP,
GOT TO PUT THAT FIRE OUT, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I MUST DO FIRST! LUCKILY, FROM THIS ANGLE, THEY CAN'T SEE OR SHOOT AT ME!
A MOMENT LATER...
MADE IT -- JUST IN TIME!
HA HA! IT WAS BATMAN! HE THOUGHT HE COULD BREAK INTO OUR MACHINE!
FUNNY, I THOUGHT I FELT A BUMP OVER HEAD!
AND BY THE TIME THE FIRE IS SAFELY EXTINGUISHED, THE INCREDIBLE CRIME MACHINE HAS MADE ITS ESCAPE
YES AND IT'LL BE THAT WAY FROM NOW ON, BATMAN! NOT EVEN YOU CAN FIGHT VINCE VAGEEN'S 7 WONDERS OF THE UNDERWORLD!
THE 7 WONDERS OF THE UNDERWORLD? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'M NOT TELLING WHAT THE OTHERS ARE, BUT THEY'RE BIGGER STUFF THAN THE SECOND-STORY MACHINE! AND THE 7TH WONDER IS SOMETHING THAT'LL FINISH YOU TWO FOR GOOD!


WHAT IS THIS WEAPON VARDEN HAS AGAINST US?
ONLY VINCE KNOWS BUT YOU WILL FIND OUT WHEN HE USES IT!
BATMAN! SOMETHING'S COMING THROUGH ON MY BELT-RADIO... YET YOU'RE RIGHT HERE!
THAT'S BECAUSE I HID MY BELT-RADIO, WITH THE TRANSMITTER TURNED ON, UNDER THE COWL OF THAT SECOND-STORY MACHINE! LISTEN -- THAT'S VARDEN'S VOICE NOW!
YOU SAW -- BATMAN WAS HELPLESS AGAINST OUR SECOND-STORY MACHINE! WE'LL HIT THE GOTHAM JEWEL SHOP NEXT WITH ANOTHER WONDER OF CRIME!
WHERE DOES VARDEN KEEP THESE WONDERS?
VINCE'S HIDEOUT IS HIS SECRET AND I'M NOT TELLING YOU!
IT'S NO USE, BATMAN! WE'D BETTER TURN HIM OVER TO THE POLICE AND PREPARE FOR THAT JEWEL GRAB [illegible]
SO A WHILE LATER IN THE DARKNESS OF THE GOTHAM JEWEL SHOP...
I'M WORRIED, BATMAN! WHAT KIND OF WEAPON COULD VINCE VARDEN HAVE TO USE ESPECIALLY ON US?
IT'S A MYSTERY! BUT SHH -- I HEAR A CAR OUTSIDE!
AND OUTSIDE, IN THE NIGHT, A NEW MENACE LOOMS
GET READY TO SEND IN THE MAGNETIC MONSTER!
WE'RE [illegible] THE BIGGEST JEWEL ROBBERY OF ALL AND NOBODY CAN STOP IT!
ABRUPTLY, IN THE JEWEL SHOP, A TERRIFYING CRIMINAL [illegible]
HERE THEY COME, BATMAN! AND WAIT! IT'S NOT HUMAN -- IT'S A MACHINE!
A MACHINE THAT GRABBED THE SAFE WITH THOSE POWERFUL [illegible]


I CAN'T FIND ANY STARTER OR CONTROLS! OOF!
LOOK OUT OR IT'LL RUSH RIGHT OVER YOU, ROBIN! LUCKY WE HAD THE JEWELER TAKE EVERYTHING OUT OF THAT SAFE!
AFTER IT, BATMAN! IT'S GETTING INTO THAT CAR WITH THE [illegible]
THE WEAPON AGAINST BATMAN! USE IT!
LOOK OUT, ROBIN! IT MAY BE POISON GAS!
THAT'LL FIX THEM, BOYS! NOW LET'S GO!
ARE YOU HURT? THE GAS HIT US BOTH, BUT IT DIDN'T HARM ME!
IT DIDN'T HARM ME EITHER! I DON'T UNDERSTAND! BUT WE BETTER GET AFTER THEM FAST!
SECONDS LATER AS THE SLEEK BATMOBILE GIVES CHASE
THEIR TERRIBLE WEAPON AGAINST US WAS HARMLESS!
IT MAY ONLY SEEM HARMLESS! I WISH I KNEW WHAT EFFECT THAT GAS IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE!
DOES A [illegible] BATMAN AND ROBIN SO SECRET THAT EVEN THEY CAN'T GUESS ??
ANYWAY I THINK WE'LL LAST LONG ENOUGH TO RUN DOWN VINCE WARREN AND HIS MOB!
I FEEL [illegible]! THE POLICE HAVE ROAD BLOCKS UP IN ANSWER TO OUR RADIO CALL, BUT-- BATMAN, LOOK! THIS IS A DIFFERENT CAR -- WE'VE LOST THEM!
AND UP AHEAD IN THAT "DIFFERENT" CAR, EXULTANT CROOKS LAUGH GLEEFULLY
NOW WATCH THEM GIVE UP THE CHASE!
HA HA-- THEY DON'T KNOW THIS IS THE PHANTOM GETAWAY CAR, WITH SLIDING PANELS THAT CAN CHANGE THE CAR'S WHOLE SHAPE AND COLOR WHEN YOU PRESS A BUTTON! IT'S A REAL WONDER!


BUT A QUICK-THINKING BATMAN SOON GUESSES THE TRUTH
MIGHT AS WELL SLOW DOWN, BATMAN!
NO WAIT! THAT CAR IS A DIFFERENT COLOR, BUT ITS REAR FENDERS AND TIRES ARE STILL WEIGHED DOWN HEAVILY BY THE SAFE AND THE MAGNETIC MOBSTER!
YOU'RE RIGHT, AND I SEE A POLICE ROAD BLOCK UP AHEAD. THEY'RE CAUGHT!
I'M NOT SO SURE, ROBIN. LOOK THERE!
ANOTHER INCREDIBLE TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE IN THE CHAMELEON CAR
IT'S THE BATMOBILE. LET THEM THROUGH!
BUT LOOK, THERE'S ANOTHER BATMOBILE! ONE OF THEM MUST BE A FAKE! QUICK, PUT UP THE BLOCK AGAIN!
IT TAKES ONLY [illegible] FOR THE DYNAMIC DUO TO EXPLAIN, BUT IN THE MEANTIME THE VANISHING GET-AWAY-CAR HAS DISAPPEARED
THEY'RE GONE, BUT WE CAN STILL TRAIL THEM BY THE DEEP TIRE TRACKS THEIR WEIGHTED CAR LEFT ON THE DIRT ROAD! BY THE WAY, HOW DO YOU FEEL NOW, ROBIN?
OKAY, BUT THAT'S FUNNY, MY R-EMBLEM AND YOUR BAT EMBLEM HAVE COME LOOSE AND ARE FALLING OFF
DOES THAT SINISTER OMEN FORETELL THE END OF BATMAN AND ROBIN?
VINCE VERNON, IN HIS BARONIAL HIDEOUT, SEEMS CONVINCED THAT IT DOES
THE HYDRAULIC JIMMY HAS OPENED THE SAFE, BUT IT'S EMPTY! BATMAN TRICKED US
WELL, IT'S THE LAST TIME HE'S GOING TO!
OH YEAH? LOOK OUT THERE!
SO THEY TRAILED US AFTER ALL! BUT WITH THE DRAWBRIDGE UP, THEY'LL NEVER MAKE IT!
NO? THEY CAN SWING ACROSS EASY ON THEIR SILK ROPES! YOUR WEAPON AGAINST BATMAN WAS ALL A FAKE!


BUT AS CRIMINAL EYES WATCH, A FATEFUL ACCIDENT OCCURS
WHY--WHY THE ROPES BOTH SNAPPED! THEY'RE FALLING INTO THE RAVINE-- TO THEIR DEATHS
YES! I KNEW THAT SOONER OR LATER MY WEAPON WOULD DESTROY THEM AND THUS WITH NO MURDER CHARGE AGAINST US!
SNAP
SNAP
BUT VINCE, I DON'T GET IT! WHAT WAS IN THAT GAS?
A SPECIAL CHEMICAL, HARMLESS TO HUMANS, BUT RUINOUS TO SILK! IT ROTTED AND WEAKENED THEIR SILK ROPES SO THE FIRST TIME THEY USED THEM, THEY'D FALL TO THEIR DOOM APPARENTLY BY ACCIDENT!
YES, AND WE WOULD HAVE -- EXCEPT THAT THE SILK REPAIR STITCHING OF OUR EMBLEMS ROTTED AND GAVE ME THE CLUE
SO WE MADE DUMMIES OUT OF SPARE COSTUMES IN THE BATMOBILE, AND LET THEM TAKE THE FALL! WE CLIMBED DOWN INTO THE CANYON AND [illegible]
AS FOR THIS SECOND STORY MACHINE, IT'S A WONDER, ALL RIGHT -- FOR CATCHING CROOKS!
THEY ALWAYS SAY, SET A THIEF TO CATCH A THIEF -- AND THIS VACUUM THIEF IS DOING FINE, EH, VINCE?
HELP! SAVE US!
WE CAN TAKE THEM ALL OUT SAFELY IN THE PHANTOM GETAWAY-CAR AND HERE'S [illegible] THE DISCS WE [illegible]
YOU AND YOUR 7 WONDERS OF THE UNDERWORLD!
AH, SHUT UP!
AND SO, EN ROUTE TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
THE 7 WONDERS OF THE UNDERWORLD WILL LOOK FINE IN OUR TROPHY ROOM, BATMAN!
YES, ROBIN, BUT THERE'S ALSO AN 8th WONDER, THE WONDER OF WHY ANYONE IS STUPID ENOUGH TO GO IN FOR CRIME!
The End


SPORT SLANG
WANNA HIT THE MAPLES?
I'D RATHER TICKLE IVORY!
HIT THE MAPLES MEANS BOWL, AND TICKLE IVORY MEANS PLAY BILLIARDS!
YOU'RE SOME PUG PILOT! THE GUY'S A DEALER!
AW, COME ON NOW, HE CAN'T HURT US
A PUG PILOT IS A FIGHT MANAGER. A DEALER IS A HARD-HITTING BOXER!
THEY MUST THINK I'M TENTH MAN?
TENTH MAN IS AN UMPIRE WHO ALLEGEDLY FAVORS ONE OF THE TEAMS PLAYING EACH OTHER
UH-OH WHERE'S THE THUMB BUSTER?
A THUMB BUSTER IS A MECHANIC!
GRAND TOUR?
A GRAND TOUR IS AN EIGHTEEN-HOLE ROUND OF GOLF!

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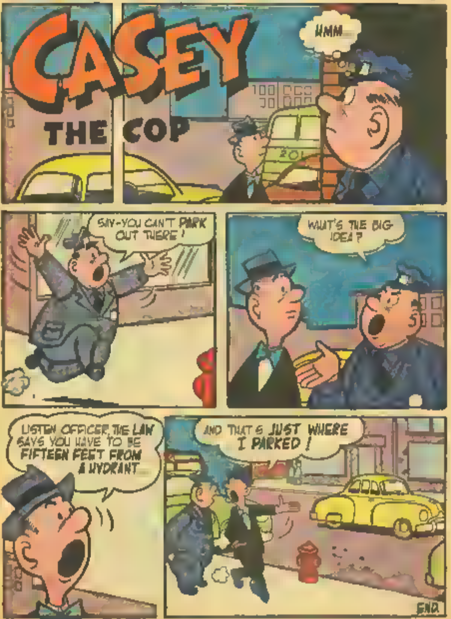
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SAY-YOU CAN'T PARK OUT THERE!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
LISTEN OFFICER, THE LAW SAYS YOU HAVE TO BE FIFTEEN FEET FROM A HYDRANT...
AND THAT'S JUST WHERE I PARKED!
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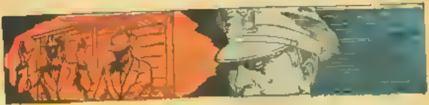
"Calling Police Car Number 5!"



Modern Equipment Enables An Officer to Answer A Summons in Split Seconds

SOME years ago, burglars considered the getaway the easiest phase of the crime. No wonder! Even if someone had the presence of mind and the know how to use the police signal box hung on the corner lamp-post to alert headquarters that a crime was being committed, by the time the "Black Maria" arrived you can be sure the criminals were getting ready to escape.

Even the emergence of paved roads and speedy roadsters was, at first, a boon to burglars. But the margin was soon reversed by the crime fighters, who combined two miracles of our age to make the getaway the toughest part of the crook's trade.

What were these? They were the radio and the automobile.

Thus, when two holdup men entered a pawnshop not long ago, one began emptying the safe while the other stood guard near the door. Luckily a clerk was able to lift the receiver off the telephone hook without being observed by the thugs. He gave the dial one twirl, switching in the operator.

The operator, hearing one of the thugs ordering the pawnshop clerk to unlock the jewelry case, instantly buzzed police headquarters.

A moment later, two police officers in Police Car Number 5, cruising a few blocks away, heard the urgent voice of the radio dispatcher:

"Police Car Number 5! Police Car Number 5! Armed robbery in progress at 475 Elm Street!"

A minute and a half after the would-be burglars entered the pawnshop and just 30 seconds after the call was put on the air, the two hoods were in handcuffs!

This scene is taking place every day in every city in the country. Indeed, these stop-watch captures have become so common that they are rarely reported on the front pages of our newspapers.

In the beginning, police car radio systems borrowed the facilities of the local radio station to do their broadcasting on. This didn't work out too successfully, however, for the hoods had only to keep their own car radios tuned in to receive broadcasts at the same time the police did.

The police overcame this advantage by transmitting their calls on wave lengths below the usual broadcasting band. This short wave method worked out fine until certain big-time hoods began installing short-wave receivers in their bullet-proof sedans.

The police took one final step, the use of a police code. This stumped the crooks—and still does. As an illustration take the following message, actually sent out over a police transmitter:

4857 Miss C John Smith, 30-5-9-135, gls, br hr, bl su, gy coat, gy hat, lef C Apr. 6 at 1:00 P.M.

The above is a simple code, despite what you think, for it concerns a missing person. If the message concerned a robbery in progress, it would be far more difficult.

Here is a translation of the above code:

"4857 Missing from Charleston, John Smith, aged 30; height, 5 feet nine inches; weight, 135 pounds. He wears glasses, has brown hair, and when last seen had on a blue suit, gray coat, and gray hat. He left Charleston on April 6 at 1:00 P.M."

So much for the radio part of the car-radio combination. The police car, which depends on its radio for top efficiency, has come a long way from the early models.

In the beginning, police cars differed from the cars we buy only in being fitted up with a few gadgets of special equipment. These included the powerful spot light on the roof, a siren, and a windshield of shatter-proof glass.

Today, special police cars are being built with armor plate, bullet-proof glass, and a host of amazing gadgets.

The light, speedy scout car for routine police duty is the vehicle most often seen. One rarely sees the remarkable "police cruiser" which is thrown into service for special, grueling tasks.

Let's suppose, for instance, that a gang of holdup men crack a bank, and head out in their own bullet-proof sedan for a hide-out in the suburbs. This is when the police cruiser lumbers out of the police garage.

This vehicle has been described as a veritable arsenal on wheels. Equipped with two radio receivers, one for short-wave bands, the other a regular broadcasting receiver, the cruiser carries a sub-machine-gun, a tear-gas gun, a Springfield rifle, a sawed-off shotgun, automatic pistols, hand grenades, and gas bombs.

The front of the radio and the tires are protected by bullet-proof screens. In the bullet-proof windshield is a porthole, enabling the machinegun to be fired straight ahead.

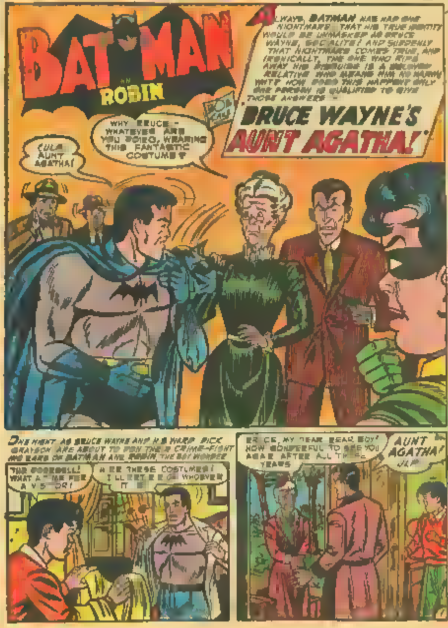
Special rear-axle gears permit the cruiser to attain a speed of 110 miles per hour. And it can turn a corner at 65 miles an hour!

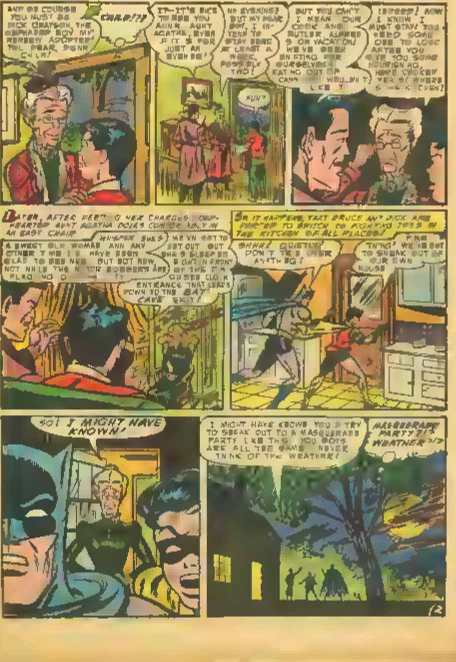
The cruiser has already chalked up a number of sensational captures. In one southern city, it made 17 arrests in one night. In a mid-western metropolis, the cruiser hit the road when a gang of chain-store robbers was already miles out of the city. The cruiser raced 10 miles to catch the high-powered crook car.

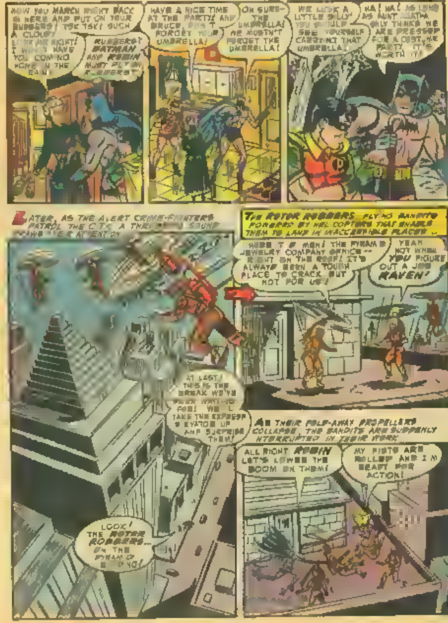
For years, the radio-car combination operated solely within the limits of each city. But, in a number of states, an experiment was conducted whereby crime messages were transmitted on a state-wide basis.

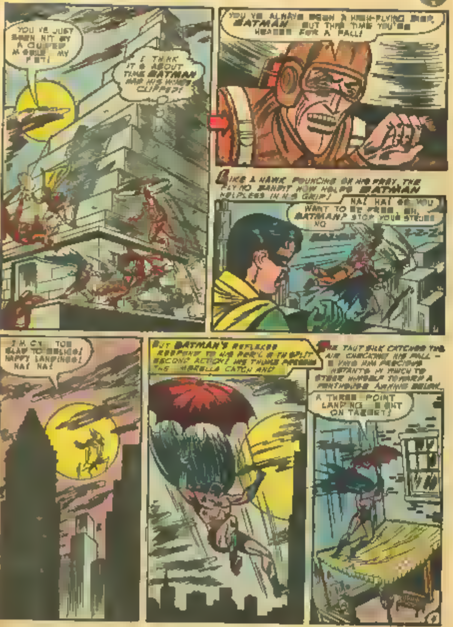
So successful was this experiment that, recently, Congress voted an appropriation for a master station to be built in Washington to co-ordinate the whole network of municipal and state police radio.

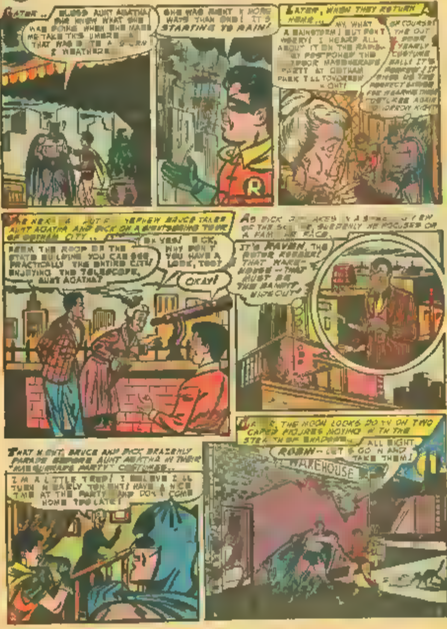
With the entire nation blanketed by a single radio system, top police authorities in the nation are confident that getaways will become as scarce as hen's teeth.

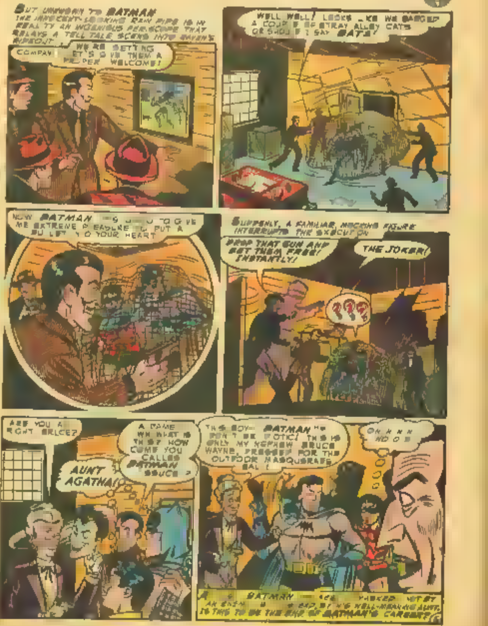

BATMAN AN ROBIN
ALWAYS, BATMAN HAS HAD ONE NIGHTMARE -- THAT HIS TRUE IDENTITY WOULD BE UNMASKED AS BRUCE WAYNE, SOCIALITE! AND SUDDENLY THAT NIGHTMARE COMES TRUE, AND IRONICALLY, THE ONE WHO RIPS AWAY HIS DISGUISE IS A BELOVED RELATIVE WHO MEANS HIM NO HARM! WHY? HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN? ONLY ONE PERSON IS QUALIFIED TO GIVE THOSE ANSWERS --
"BRUCE WAYNE'S AUNT AGATHA!"
BOB KANE
GULP! AUNT AGATHA!
WHY BRUCE -- WHATEVER ARE YOU DOING, WEARING THIS FANTASTIC COSTUME?
ONE NIGHT AS BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD DICK GRAYSON ARE ABOUT TO DON THEIR CRIME-FIGHTING GARB OF BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER --
THE DOORBELL! WHAT A TIME FOR A VISITOR!
HIDE THESE COSTUMES! I'LL GET RID OF WHOEVER IT IS!
BRUCE, MY DEAR, DEAR BOY! HOW WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU AGAIN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS
AUNT AGATHA! ULP!

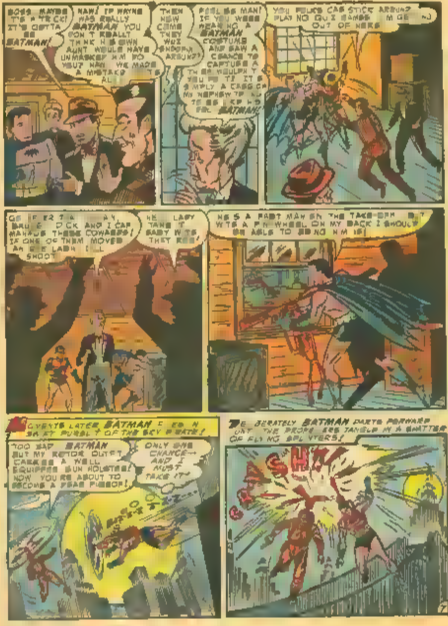

AND OF COURSE YOU MUST BE DICK GRAYSON, THE ORPHANED BOY MY NEPHEW ADOPTED! YOU DEAR, DEAR CHILD!
CHILD!?!
IT--IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, AUNT AGATHA, EVEN IF IT'S FOR JUST AN EVENING!
AN EVENING? BUT MY DEAR BOY, I INTEND TO STAY HERE AT LEAST A WEEK, POSSIBLY TWO!
HUH?
BUT YOU CAN'T-- I MEAN-- OUR COOK AND BUTLER, ALFRED, IS ON VACATION-- WE'VE BEEN FENDING FOR OURSELVES-- EATING OUT OF CANS-- WE [illegible] LIKE IT
[illegible]! NOW I KNOW I MUST STAY! YOU NEED SOMEONE TO LOOK AFTER YOU-- GIVE YOU SOME NOURISHING HOME COOKED MEALS! WHERE'S THE KITCHEN?
LATER, AFTER FEEDING HER CHARGES, GOOD-HEARTED AUNT AGATHA DOZES COMFORTABLY IN AN EASY CHAIR
WHISPER SHE'S A SWEET OLD WOMAN, AND ANY OTHER TIME I'D HAVE BEEN GLAD TO SEE HER. BUT NOT NOW, NOT WHILE THE [illegible] BURGLARS ARE PLAGUING G[illegible]TY
WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT-- BUT SHE'S ASLEEP RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE DISGUISED CLOCK ENTRANCE THAT LEADS DOWN TO THE BAT-CAVE EXIT!
SO IT HAPPENS, THAT BRUCE AND DICK ARE FORCED TO SWITCH TO FIGHTING TOGS IN THE KITCHEN OF ALL PLACES!
SHHH! QUIETLY! DON'T TRIP OVER ANYTHING!
FINE THING! WE'VE GOT TO SNEAK OUT OF OUR OWN HOUSE!
SO! I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN!
I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN YOU'D TRY TO SNEAK OUT TO A MASQUERADE PARTY LIKE THIS! YOU BOYS ARE ALL THE SAME-- NEVER THINK OF THE WEATHER!
MASQUERADE PARTY?!? WEATHER?!?

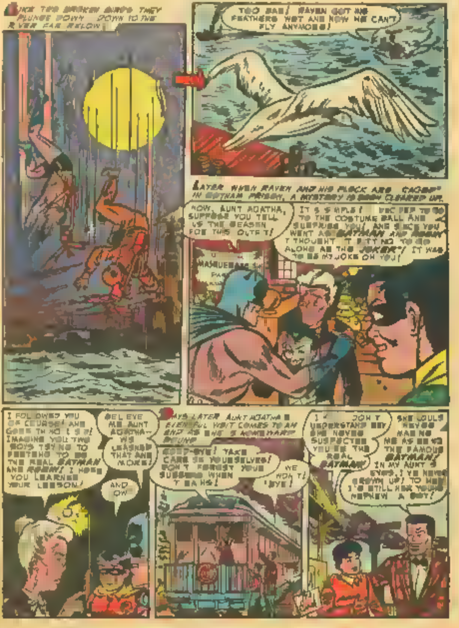

NOW YOU MARCH RIGHT BACK IN HERE AND PUT ON YOUR RUBBERS! TSK TSK! SUCH A CLOUD!
LOOK [illegible]! I WON'T HAVE YOU COMING HOME IN THE RAIN!
RUBBERS? BATMAN AND ROBIN MUST PUT ON RUBBERS!
HAVE A NICE TIME AT THE PARTY! AND BRUCE, DON'T FORGET YOUR UMBRELLA!
OH SURE--THE UMBRELLA! WE MUSTN'T FORGET THE UMBRELLA!
WE LOOK A LITTLE SILLY! YOU SHOULD SEE YOURSELF CARRYING THAT UMBRELLA!
HA! HA! AS LONG AS AUNT MARTHA ONLY THINKS WE ARE DRESSED FOR A COSTUME PARTY, IT'S WORTH IT!
LATER, AS THE ALERT CRIME-FIGHTERS PATROL THE CITY, A THROBBING SOUND DRAWS THEIR ATTENTION...
THE ROTOR ROBBERS, FLYING BANDITS POWERED BY HELICOPTERS THAT ENABLE THEM TO LAND IN INACCESSIBLE PLACES...
HERE IT IS, MEN! THE PYRAMID JEWELRY COMPANY OFFICE -- RIGHT ON THE ROOF! IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A TOUGH PLACE TO CRACK, BUT NOT FOR US!
YEAH, NOT WHEN YOU FIGURE OUT A JOB, RAVEN!
AT LAST! THIS IS THE BREAK WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! WE'LL TAKE THE EXPRESS ELEVATOR UP AND SURPRISE THEM!
LOOK! THE ROTOR ROBBERS... ON THE PYRAMID BUILDING!
AS THEIR FOLD-AWAY PROPELLERS COLLAPSE, THE BANDITS ARE SUDDENLY INTERRUPTED IN THEIR WORK
ALL RIGHT, ROBIN, LET'S LOWER THE BOOM ON THEM!
MY FISTS ARE ROLLED AND I'M READY FOR ACTION!


YOU'VE JUST BEEN HIT BY A CLIPPED MISSILE, MY PET!
I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME BATMAN HAD HIS WINGS CLIPPED!
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A HIGH-FLYING BIRD, BATMAN, BUT THIS TIME YOU'RE HEADED FOR A FALL!
LIKE A HAWK POUNCING ON HIS PREY, THE FLYING BANDIT NOW HOLDS BATMAN HELPLESS IN HIS GRIP!
HA! HA! SO YOU WANT TO BE FREE, EH, BATMAN? STOP YOUR STRUGGLING
Z-Z-Z
I'M ONLY TOO GLAD TO OBLIGE! HAPPY LANDINGS! HA! HA!
BUT BATMAN'S REFLEXES RESPOND TO HIS PERIL IN SPLIT SECOND ACTION! HIS THUMB PRESSES THE UMBRELLA CATCH AND
THE TAUT SILK CATCHES THE AIR, CHECKING HIS FALL -- GIVING HIM PRECIOUS INSTANTS IN WHICH TO STEER HIMSELF TOWARD A PENTHOUSE AWNING BELOW.
A THREE POINT LANDING RIGHT ON TARGET!


LATER..
BLESS AUNT AGATHA! SHE KNEW WHAT SHE WAS DOING WHEN SHE MADE ME TAKE THIS UMBRELLA! THAT WAS QUITE A STORM WE WEATHERED!
SHE WAS RIGHT IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE! IT'S STARTING TO RAIN!
LATER, WHEN THEY RETURN HOME...
MY, WHAT A RAINSTORM! BUT DON'T WORRY! I HEARD ALL ABOUT IT ON THE RADIO-- THEY POSTPONED THE OUTDOOR MASQUERADE PARTY AT GOTHAM PARK TILL TOMORROW NIGHT!
OF COURSE! THE OUTDOOR YEARLY COSTUME BALL! IT'S PERFECT! IT GIVES US THE PERFECT EXCUSE FOR WEARING THESE COSTUMES AGAIN TOMORROW NIGHT!
THE NEXT DAY, DUTIFUL NEPHEW BRUCE TAKES AUNT AGATHA AND DICK ON A SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF GOTHAM CITY..
FROM THE ROOF OF THE STATE BUILDING YOU CAN SEE PRACTICALLY THE ENTIRE CITY! ENJOYING THE TELESCOPE, AUNT AGATHA?
OH YES! DICK, WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A LOOK, TOO?
OKAY!
AS DICK TAKES IN A SWEEPING VIEW OF THE SCENE, SUDDENLY HE FOCUSES ON A FAMILIAR FACE.
IT'S RAVEN, THE AUTO ROBBER! THAT WARE-HOUSE--THAT MUST BE THE BANDIT'S HIDE-OUT!
THAT NIGHT, BRUCE AND DICK BRAZENLY PARADE BEFORE AUNT AGATHA IN THEIR "MASQUERADE PARTY" COSTUMES..
I'M A LITTLE TIRED! I BELIEVE I'LL TURN IN EARLY TONIGHT! HAVE A NICE TIME AT THE PARTY AND DON'T COME HOME TOO LATE!
LATER, THE MOON LOOKS DOWN ON TWO CAPED FIGURES MOVING WITH THE STEALTH OF SHADOWS..
ALL RIGHT, ROBIN-- LET'S GO IN AND TAKE THEM!
WAREHOUSE

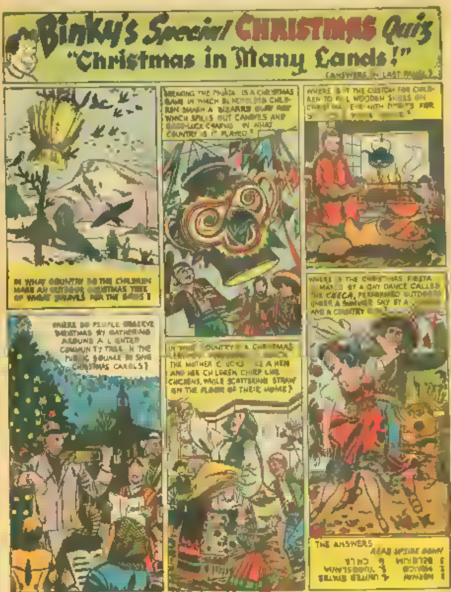

BUT UNKNOWN TO BATMAN THE INNOCENT-LOOKING RAIN PIPE IS IN REALITY AN INGENIOUS PERISCOPE THAT RELAYS A TELL-TALE SCENE INTO RAVEN'S HIDEOUT...
WE'RE GETTING COMPANY... LET'S GIVE THEM A PROPER WELCOME!
WELL WELL! LOOKS LIKE WE BAGGED A COUPLE OF STRAY ALLEY CATS OR SHOULD I SAY BATS!
NOW BATMAN IT'S GOING TO GIVE ME EXTREME PLEASURE TO PUT A BULLET INTO YOUR HEART
SUDDENLY, A FAMILIAR, MOCKING FIGURE INTERRUPTS THE EXECUTION
DROP THAT GUN AND SET THEM FREE! INSTANTLY!
THE JOKER!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT BRUCE?
A DAME! WH-WHAT IS THIS? HOW COME YOU CALLED BATMAN BRUCE?
AUNT AGATHA!
THIS BOY-- BATMAN? HO! DON'T BE IDIOTIC! THIS IS ONLY MY NEPHEW BRUCE WAYNE, DRESSED FOR THE OUTDOOR MASQUERADE BALL!
OH-H-H-H NO-O-O!
AND SO BATMAN IS UNMASKED NOT BY AN ENEMY BUT BY HIS WELL-MEANING AUNT. IS THIS TO BE THE END OF BATMAN'S CAREER?


BOSS, MAYBE IT'S A TRICK! IT'S GOTTA BE BATMAN!
NAW! IF WAYNE WAS REALLY BATMAN YOU DON'T REALLY THINK HIS OWN AUNT WOULD HAVE UNMASKED HIM, DO YOU? NAH, WE MADE A MISTAKE, THAT'S ALL!
THEN HOW COME THEY WUZ SNOOPIN' AROUND?
FOOLISH MAN! IF YOU WERE WEARING A BATMAN COSTUME AND SAW A CHANCE TO CAPTURE A THIEF, WOULDN'T YOU DO IT? IT'S SIMPLY A CASE OF MY NEPHEW TRYING TO BE LIKE HIS IDOL, BATMAN!
YOU FOLKS CAN STICK AROUND PLAYING QUIZ GAMES! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!
GO AFTER THAT RUNAWAY, BRUCE! DICK AND I CAN MANAGE THESE COWARDS! IF ONE OF THEM MOVES AN EYELASH, I'LL SHOOT!
HEY, LADY, TAKE IT EASY WITH THAT ROD!
HE'S A FAST MAN ON THE TAKE-OFF, BUT WITH A FAN WHEEL ON MY BACK I SHOULD BE ABLE TO [illegible] HIM!
MOMENTS LATER BATMAN IS [illegible] IN SWIFT PURSUIT OF THE SKY PIRATE!
TOO BAD, BATMAN, BUT MY ROTOR OUTFIT CARRIES A WELL EQUIPPED GUN HOLSTER! NOW YOU'RE ABOUT TO BECOME A DEAD [illegible]!
ONLY ONE CHANCE— AND I MUST TAKE IT—
BZZ-O-O
ZZZ—
DESPERATELY BATMAN DARTS FORWARD UNTIL THE PROPS ARE TANGLED IN A SHATTER OF FLYING SPLINTERS!
CRASH!


LIKE TWO BROKEN BIRDS THEY PLUNGE DOWN... DOWN TO THE RIVER FAR BELOW!
TOO BAD! RAVEN GOT HIS FEATHERS WET AND NOW HE CAN'T FLY ANYMORE!
LATER WHEN RAVEN AND HIS FLOCK ARE "CAGED" IN GOTHAM PRISON, A MYSTERY IS SOON CLEARED UP.
NOW, AUNT AGATHA, SUPPOSE YOU TELL US THE REASON FOR THIS OUTFIT!
IT'S SIMPLE! I DECIDED TO GO TO THE COSTUME BALL AND SURPRISE YOU! AND SINCE YOU WENT AS BATMAN AND ROBIN I THOUGHT IT FITTING TO GO ALONG AS THE "JOKER"! IT WAS TO BE MY JOKE ON YOU!
MASQUERADE
I FOLLOWED YOU OF COURSE! AND GOOD THING I DID! IMAGINE YOU TWO BOYS TRYING TO PRETEND TO BE THE REAL BATMAN AND ROBIN! I HOPE YOU LEARNED YOUR LESSON!
BELIEVE ME, AUNT AGATHA-- WE LEARNED THAT AND MORE!
AND HOW!
DAYS LATER AUNT AGATHA'S EVENTFUL VISIT COMES TO AN END AS SHE'S HOMEWARD BOUND
GOOD-BYE! TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES! DON'T FORGET YOUR SUSPENDERS WHEN IT RAINS!
WE WON'T! 'BYE!
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY SHE NEVER SUSPECTED YOU'RE THE REAL BATMAN!
SHE COULD NEVER IMAGINE ME AS BEING THE FAMOUS BATMAN! IN MY AUNT'S EYES, I'VE NEVER GROWN UP! TO HER I'M STILL HER YOUNG NEPHEW, A BOY!

Binky's Special CHRISTMAS Quiz

"Christmas in Many Lands!"


(ANSWERS IN LAST PANEL.)
IN WHAT COUNTRY DO THE CHILDREN MAKE AN OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS TREE OF WHEAT SHEAVES FOR THE BIRDS?
BREAKING THE PIÑATA IS A CHRISTMAS GAME IN WHICH BLINDFOLDED CHILDREN SMASH A BIZARRE CLAY POT WHICH SPILLS OUT CANDIES AND GOOD-LUCK CHARMS. IN WHAT COUNTRY IS IT PLAYED?
WHERE IS IT THE CUSTOM FOR CHILDREN TO FILL WOODEN SHOES ON CHRISTMAS EVE WITH [illegible] FOR [illegible]?
WHERE DO PEOPLE OBSERVE CHRISTMAS BY GATHERING AROUND A LIGHTED COMMUNITY TREE IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE TO SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS?
IN WHAT COUNTRY IS A CHRISTMAS [illegible] THE MOTHER CLUCKS LIKE A HEN AND HER CHILDREN CHIRP LIKE CHICKENS, WHILE SCATTERING STRAW ON THE FLOOR OF THEIR HOME?
WHERE IS THE CHRISTMAS FIESTA MARKED BY A GAY DANCE CALLED THE CUECA, PERFORMED OUTDOORS UNDER A SUMMER SKY BY A [illegible] AND A COUNTRY GIRL?
THE ANSWERS
READ UPSIDE DOWN
1 NORWAY
2 MEXICO
3 BELGIUM
4 UNITED STATES
5 YUGOSLAVIA
6 CHILE

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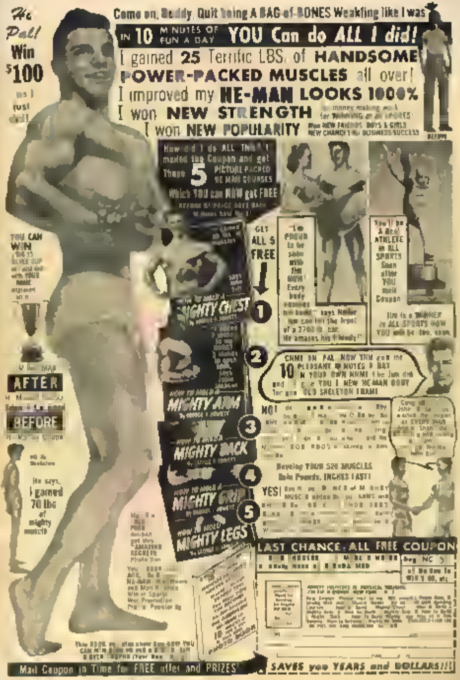

He Pal! Win $100 as I just did!

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④ MIGHTY GRIP

⑤ MIGHTY LEGS

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NO! [illegible]

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YES! [illegible]

YOU CAN WIN [illegible] SILVER CUP [illegible] with YOUR [illegible]

AFTER

BEFORE

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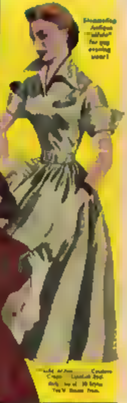

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